

**Executive Committee for Highway Safety  
Ensuring Drivers are Fully Licensed  
Working Group Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2004 – Mtg. #3**

**Location:**

DMV, 9:00 a.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner Tatum	Stacie Cruz	Wayne Hurder	Tom Werner
Max Tate	Captain Goering	Kevin Lacy	Sgt. Tim Tomczak
Cliff Braam			

**Scribe:**

Cliff Braam

**Minutes:**

- The meeting began at approximately 9:10 a.m.

**Task I – General Discussion**

**Strategy Format**

Cliff informed the group that the Executive Committee had changed the way in which strategies would be presented in the future. Previously, the working groups had been developing strategies and putting just enough information in them to allow the Executive Committee to make a well informed decision as to whether or not to move forward with the strategy.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, it was decided that the working groups would be responsible for prioritizing their strategies and then fully developing the strategy (with all necessary details) prior to it being presented to the committee.

Once the Executive Committee reviews and approves the strategy, the strategy will be sent to the “host” agency that will be responsible for seeing that it is implemented. The Executive Committee and the working groups will provide support as needed to help the host agency implement the strategy. The host agency will be the agency that would normally be responsible for the strategy, based upon its content. For example, for a strategy dealing with the implementation of rumble strips, the Department of Transportation will be the host agency.

The Executive Committee has also asked that each work group present one and no more than two strategies for consideration at each committee meeting.

**Competent Drivers**

At the last meeting, the group decided that due to the complexity of the issues and the fact that driver competency spans across more than one working group (i.e. Keeping Drivers Alert), they felt that the “Ensuring Drivers are Fully Competent” component should be addressed in a

separate working group. When considering driver competency, there are two different issues to consider: 1) Competency in regards to knowledge of the rules of the road, signs, etc. and 2) Competency in regards to should someone be driving due to physical or mental conditions, etc.

This recommendation will need to be made at the next Executive Committee meeting.

## **Task II – Review of Strategies**

Since the last meeting, the group has developed four strategies into a draft mode:

- More Accurate identification of Revoked Drivers
- Controlling Unlicensed Drivers – Requiring Ignition Interlocks as a Condition for License Reinstatement,
- Temporary Impoundment of Offender’s Vehicle to Deter Repeated Violations and
- Arrest Individuals who do not have Sufficient Information for Law Enforcement to make a Positive Identification

The group briefly discussed these in an effort to pick the top priority. Below is a summary of the discussions:

### **Vehicle Impoundment**

- Everything is already in place
- Quick start up
- Minimal training
- Cost is minimal
- Only need legislative mandate to make this happen

### **Ignition Interlocks**

- This is also being considered by the Governor’s DWI task force
- This group and the Executive Committee should follow the lead of the DWI Task Force on this
- Recommend that the Executive Committee support the DWI Task Force’s recommendations for use of ignition interlocks

## **Task III – Develop Top 2 Strategies**

After discussion, the group decided it would make the following two recommendations to the Executive Committee and therefore would only present one strategy at the next meeting.

### **Recommendations:**

- That a separate working group be developed at a future time to address the issue of “Driver Competency”. This was mentioned at the last meeting, but no action was taken.

- That the Executive Committee support the DWI Task Force's recommendations for use of ignition interlocks as a means of addressing some of the issues associated with unlicensed drivers.

**Strategy:**

- Temporary Impoundment of Offender's Vehicle to Deter Repeated Violations

The rest of the meeting time was spent by the group developing the above strategy and adding details to the draft that had already been prepared.

**Action Items:**

Name	Item
Cliff	Make changes, revisions to the draft version of the selected strategy per the group's discussion and then send it out to the group for review and comments.
Everyone	Review the revised version of the strategy and provide comments back to Cliff by the noted deadline so that final revisions can be made and the strategy can be presented at the next meeting.
Tatum	Present the Strategy "Temporary Impoundment of Offender's Vehicle to Deter Repeated Violations" to the Executive Committee at the next meeting on October 20, 2004.
Tatum	Make recommendation at the next Executive Committee that a separate working group be developed at a future time to address the issue of "Driver Competency".
Tatum	Make recommendation that the Executive Committee support the DWI Task Force's recommendations for use of ignition interlocks as a means of addressing the issue of unlicensed drivers.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 16, 9:00 – 11:00, DMV Office, Commissioner's Office 4<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room